

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall on 13th October 2022 at 7pm

Present:	Cllr David Fox - Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark Cllr H Bellamy	Cllr J Gardner Cllr T Hill Cllr M Batting
In Attendance	Cllr B Austen	Mrs J Thompson - Clerk Eight members of the public

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
	PART ONE (OPEN TO PUBLIC AND PRESS)
075/22	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm. Apologies were received from Cllr R Peart.
076/22	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING It was proposed by Cllr A Carter-Woodwark, seconded by Cllr J Gardner and agreed by all to accept the minutes of the meeting of Thursday 14 th July 2022 as a true and accurate record.
077/22	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None
078/22	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Cllr H Bellamy's brother to remove the abandoned red Citroen.
079/22	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>County Councillor Ron Peart September report Devon County Council have been recently awarded funding through the Department for Transport "Tackling Loneliness with Transport" fund. "Connecting You" Community Grants Fund. One of our initial projects is the launch of a new grant fund, Connecting You Community Grants Fund will provide grants to projects and organisations to help connect people to activities that help tackle loneliness. The fund is open for applications from projects and charities across Devon. Grants can be applied for to fund specific transport projects tackling loneliness. or transport related activities to enable people to access activities that will help. For further details on how to apply, please find links below to the application form and funding guidelines.</p> <p>District Councillor Beryl Austen Teignbridge District Council have launched the Teignbridge Lottery for Communities which has generated 15 applications from organisations who wish to be part of the fund-raising initiative for good causes. The lottery will ensure that 50per cent of ticket sales will go direct to good causes with 10 per cent going into a small grants fund for local projects. A lottery website has been launched for residents to buy tickets which go on sale at the beginning of November. Still few meetings at Teignbridge and cancellations of committees. The Planning Committee dealt with your local site which was the subject of the removal of a Devon Hedge against the Hedgerow Regulations and without permission. The head of planning recommended no action be taken. Further correspondence, after the hearing, revealed that the officer who attended to look at the position was shortly after taken ill and still remains off sick. After a period of enquiries from the village it was indicated that nothing had been done to replace the hedge because it was the wrong time to plant trees, but an eye would be kept on the situation. Eventually it appears that a different tree expert advised no action be taken. There was considerable concern by the planning committee, some of whom had also experienced similar damage to hedgerows and not succeeded in reinstatement. There is a review committee which is looking at future procedures for the Council and it was recommended that they look at matters with issues of this sort. However, the recommendation by planners that No Action be taken was endorsed because of the recommendation of the other arboriculturist. It appears that no further procedure is available to challenge the decision.</p>

Research by the District Council Network nationally suggests that rising costs means budgets will have serious pay pressures and shortfalls.
Teignbridge is considering changes to Council procedures similar to those being addressed by other Councils at this time. The purpose appears to be to make local councils more business-like and give more powers to Town Clerks and Staff on minor matters, such as replacement of bins, repair to park seats etc. rather than bringing everyday incidents to the council for decision. Also, to reduce the number and time spent by councillors at meetings on routine concerns which could be dealt with as they occur. Cause for much discussion!

PC Clarke Orchard – Neighbourhood Beat Manager and PCSO Saul Bunce:

Offence	September 2022	September 2021	Difference
Violence without injury	1	0	-
Total	1	0	-

Incident	September 2022	September 2021	Difference
Crime not recorded	1	0	-
Crime recorded	1	1	0%
Public safety	0	1	-100%
Transport	5	5	0%
Total	7	7	0%

The monthly newsletter is available to view on the parish council website.

080/22

PARISH MATTERS

080.1 TDC has approved our request to increase Cllr numbers; the change will take place in time for the parish council elections in May 2023.

080.2 Discussion on applying for the Connecting You Community Grant deferred.

080.3 It was agreed that if a parishioner needed the services of Dream A Way or requested that the parish council donate then further discussions about donating would be had.

080.4 Clerk to contact the dog warden about excessive dog mess in the Town Farm Lane area. Clerk to report the two potholes outside of Stapley cottage. Details on diversions for the proposed resurfacing works will be requested by the Clerk.

080.5 In agreement with the landowner, the PC has agreed to fund the purchase of five replacement fever trees, the Wildlife Wardens will fund the purchase of stock fencing and Cllr M Batting will donate a roll of wire.

080.6 Clerk to arrange for The Pound to be de-silted before investigation is carried out into why the Millennium Green brook is running dry.

080.7 Following feedback received from those visiting the Sustainable Ideford stand at the fete, it was revealed that what matters most to parishioners is protecting the local environment; the group realise they have a lot to do and are planning an energy roadshow and maybe a booklet. Swift boxes have been built and will be installed in the church. A grant from TDC has funded wildflower seed to be planted on an area of ground in St Mary's Churchyard. The Sustainable Ideford page is now live on the PC website.

080.8 The Wildlife Wardens reported that the PCC had agreed for part of the land at the church to be used for a wildflower area and youth use. The Wardens will liaise with friends of Diana Forster to plant a tree in her memory. Unfortunately, there will be no free trees giveaway this year, but it will go ahead next year.

081/22

PLANNING

081.1 To note comments made on planning applications since the last meeting:
22/00218/FUL – Rixford Bungalow
Replacement dwelling
The PC support the proposal

081.2 To note the following planning decision:
22/00231/FUL - Agricultural Building, Bowden Lane
Demolition of existing building and construction of house with associated landscaping
Grant of conditional planning permission

	<p>081.3 Planning Enforcement: It was noted that the mobile home was still sited at Higher Colleybrook Farm (20/00295/ENF) – the latest news is that the home is too large to be moved through the gateway and other routes were being explored. Cllrs expressed their frustration at the length of time TDC were taking to make decisions on planning applications and enforcement matters. A letter to be written to TDC CEO and Head of Planning to complain about the failure of the process to protect Devon hedges and the reasons why the enforcement for 20/00295/ENF was not upheld.</p>									
082/22	<p>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS Clerk to request road signage for the Millennium Green, Village Hall and Church.</p>									
083/22	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE 083.1 The balance of accounts on 30th September 2022 was £18,323.44 The bank reconciliations for July, August and September 2022 were agreed by all and signed by the Clerk and the Chairman. 083.2 It was agreed by all to approve the following payments.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>£981.14</td> <td>Staff</td> <td>Salary, Mileage & PAYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£84.74</td> <td>Parish News</td> <td>Publishing Minutes</td> </tr> </table> <p>To note payments made since the last meeting</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>£75.00</td> <td>Sustainable Ideford</td> <td>Projects</td> </tr> </table> <p>083.3 It was agreed by all to adopt the revised Standing Orders 2022. 083.4 The Clerk presented the quarterly budget; no issues were raised. 083.5 LTN 7 on non-councillor members of committees has been updated to include the new statutory disqualification as detailed in the recently reissued LTN 8 on elections. LTN 40 on local council documents and records has been refreshed and updated to include new information on electronic signatures and updated links.</p>	£981.14	Staff	Salary, Mileage & PAYE	£84.74	Parish News	Publishing Minutes	£75.00	Sustainable Ideford	Projects
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084/22	<p>TO VOTE ON HOLDING A PART TWO MEETING It was proposed by Cllr J Gardner, seconded by Cllr M Batting and agreed by all to hold a Part Two Meeting to discuss Cllr behaviour and training.</p>									
085/22	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 8th September 2022 This part of the meeting ended at 8pm</p>									
086/22	<p>PART TWO MEETING (CLOSED TO PUBLIC AND PRESS) Cllrs were reminded of the Nolan Principles when discussing PC business outside of meetings. Cllrs were also reminded to keep noise to a minimum when leaving evening PC meetings, so as not to disturb residents. In person group training was proposed and agreed by all that this would be a good idea. This part of the meeting ended at 8:18pm</p>									

Signed: _____

Dated: _____